

For more than 30 years, the Coats family has been the epitome of Kentucky ingenuity and progress. In 1978, they began Southland Manufacturing Company, which has evolved into SMC Manufacturing Services, and now employ more than 140 people at its Nicholasville, Kentucky, headquarters.

Recently, I had the chance to visit SMC and tour their 45,000-square-foot facility, which helps to build components for the Common Remotely Operated Weapon Station, or CROWS. This product is a stabilized mount that contains a sensor suite and fire control software, allowing on-the-move target acquisition and first-burst target engagement.

This facility has increased by 20,000 square feet in 2016 and has the ability to house more than 300 employees, drawing its employees from counties in the Sixth District and surrounding counties.

However, SMC not only supplies companies in Kentucky, but across the United States and abroad. One example of where SMC supports the defense of this Nation is their partnership with Kongsberg Protech Systems, KPS, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, which is located in the district of my friend and colleague Congressman KETH ROTHFUS.

Today, with more than 15,000 CROWS in service, this weapon system can be found on more than 25 different platforms in the United States arsenal, including the Stryker, MRAP, Abrams, and Amphibious Combat Vehicle. It is a tested, proven system that is relied on by the Army, the Navy, and the Marines.

I applaud SMC for being a veteran-friendly workplace and a manufacturing company that is proud to employ about an equal number of men and women. I am pleased to support job-creating manufacturing companies like SMC and KPS which positively impact States like Kentucky and help to strengthen our national security capabilities while supporting our veterans.

#### THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. O'ROURKE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today out of deep concern about the safety and security of the community that I represent and of this country.

El Paso, Texas, the city that I am so fortunate to serve and represent in Congress, happens to be the safest city not just in the State of Texas, but in the entire United States. There are a number of reasons for that: We have outstanding local law enforcement, whether it is the Sheriff's Department or El Paso City Police, State DPS troopers or Federal law enforcement, Border Patrol agents, Customs and Border Protection officers, and the agents of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

A big part of the explanation for our safety is the fact that 24 percent of the people that I represent were born in another country. They have come to this country to do better, to get ahead, and to contribute to our success and to the American Dream. It is also because everyone in the community of El Paso feels comfortable and safe in reporting crime, in testifying and coming forward—especially in cases of domestic abuse—to local authorities.

That is why I am so concerned after I received a call last night from the El Paso County judge, Veronica Escobar, to share with me an incident that happened last week in the El Paso County Courthouse, where a woman, undocumented Mexican national, had gone to the Center Against Sexual and Family Violence out of fear for her life after being abused, she alleged, by her boyfriend.

The Center Against Sexual and Family Violence escorted her to the El Paso County Courthouse to receive a protection order. The judge granted that order. But in that courtroom where the judge granted the order were, according to the county attorney, the county judge, and the judge who presided over that trial, agents from Immigration and Customs Enforcement who escorted the domestic abuse survivor out of the courthouse and into detention and perhaps deportation to Mexico.

We will not continue to be the safest city in America. We will not continue to contribute to the safety of the United States and to the State of Texas if people don't feel comfortable reporting domestic abuse, reporting crimes, serving as witnesses, and working with law enforcement.

I urge this President, this administration, to send an unequivocal message to the Federal agents working in El Paso and every single one of our communities that it is imperative for the safety and security of this country and every person who is in this country that we respect all people of all communities regardless of their immigration status.

(English translation of the statement made in Spanish is as follows:)

We are the safest community in the United States because every person in our community feels safe. They feel safe because they can report crime to the authorities; they can report cases of domestic abuse to the authorities. And, through our work together, we are the safest city. We are going to lose this if we can't continue on this manner. If anyone has a question or problem about this, please contact my office at (915) 541-1400.

Somos la comunidad más segura de los Estados Unidos porque cualquier persona en nuestra comunidad se siente segura. Se siente segura porque puede reportar el crimen a las autoridades, pueden reportar los casos de abuso doméstico a las autoridades. Y trabajando juntos, somos la ciudad más segura. Vamos a perder esto si no

podemos continuar en esta manera. Si alguien tiene pregunta o problema con esto, por favor llámenos a nuestra oficina (915) 541-1400.

Mr. Speaker, if anyone in the community of El Paso is concerned, fears that they will not be able to come forward to report crime or domestic abuse, has a question and wants my help, I want to be there for them. They need to call me: (915) 541-1400.

Mr. Speaker, we will continue to be the safest city in America when every member of our community feels safe, can work with law enforcement, and when law enforcement respects every single member of our community.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas will provide a translation of his remarks to the Clerk.

#### THE IMPACT OF REPEALING TITLE X REGULATIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD) for 5 minutes.

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to the title X resolution of disapproval that will be on the floor later today.

This misguided resolution will limit access to critical healthcare services by allowing States to cherry-pick which family planning providers they want to participate in the title X program.

Mr. Speaker, millions of Americans rely on family planning clinics for cancer screenings, well-woman exams, birth control, and sexually transmitted disease screenings and treatment. Eighty-five percent of the people served by these clinics have incomes below 200 percent of the Federal poverty level, and 48 percent of them are uninsured. Furthermore, at least half of family planning clinics are located in rural and underserved communities already with limited access to health care.

If this resolution passes, politicians in any State or community will be able to interfere with eligible and competent title X providers who care for the most vulnerable and underserved in our country. The only factors that should ever dictate eligibility to provide family planning health services are professional competency and State licensure.

I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on H.J. Res. 43 and protect healthcare access for 4 million Americans who rely on the title X clinics for their care.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS DURING WORLD WAR II

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, first of all, I include in the RECORD the names of the men and women who died in World War